

MONSTER OF THE DEEP.

Giant Bill Fish Captured by Sch. Ida M. Silva.

Took Almost Five Hours To Effect the Capture.

A monster bill fish, one of a species seldom taken by fishermen, was brought to Boston yesterday by sch. Ida M. Silva. It looks like a cross between a horse mackerel and a swordfish and the T wharf habitues called it a "skillagalee."

The capture was made last Monday while the Silva was after swordfish on the southeast Georges. The monster was enjoying a sun bath on the top of the water when the lookout at the foremasthead sighted it. The dorsal fin looked like that of a very large swordfish, and the spearsman was warned of the size.

The latter was all ready when the Silva was brought close and he jabbed the fish hard with the spear just back of the head and near the backbone. Scarcely had the lily iron struck than it awoke, and then began a fight such as even the old fishermen had never seen before.

The rope that attaches the lily iron to the cask that serves as an anchor fairly smoked as it flew along the side of the schooner, and the cask was whipped out of the hands of the man that held it before he had a chance to let go. A way the fish sped like an arrow, until hampered by the cask that was held back by the water, it turned to get rid of the incubus.

Back toward the vessel it flew with the speed of the wind, and then away again and back and around the vessel, but still the cask hung to it, sometimes under water, at times flying clear out of the sea. For nearly four hours the huge fish flew about before it gave signs of letting up. A dory was sent to bring it in, but almost two hours elapsed before it was got near enough to the side and a tackle attached.

There was still a great deal of life left, and it squirmed and fought hard to get away, and even when landed on the deck it was dangerous to get within reach of the tail.

All the strength of five of the crew and Capt. Joseph Silva was required to get the prize on board, and at times it looked as if the tackle would give way before that was done. The estimated weight of the fish before it was cleaned was 1400 pounds, and after it was sold this morning it weighed, cleaned, 950 pounds.

The fish is within a few inches of 14 feet long from the tip of the sword to the tip of the tail, and from the joint at the body to the tip 25 inches. The principal dorsal fin is unlike that of any known fish. It is 18 inches in length at the longest part, and is set in the body free from the flesh and held only by the skin.

The sword, that projects more than three feet from the snout, is not like that of a swordfish, being rounded instead of flat, and runs out on a line with the under part of the upper lip. The head is shaped more like that of a horse mackerel and has the gills of that variety, with the eye of a swordfish.

The Gloucester Fresh Fish company was the buyer and has the fish on exhibition at its store on Atlantic avenue. The price paid was \$30, which will be divided among the crew with the money received for the 83 swordfish that the Silva had on board.

The men who captured the big fish are Everett Dowdy and Daniel McDonald.

Squid on the Cape Shore.

Thirty barrels of squid were taken Wednesday in the traps at Lunenburg, N. S.

REMARKABLE RECORD.

Sch. George Parker Lands Three Trips in Five Days.

Several Other Fresh Mackerel Trips at Boston.

Four seiners are at Boston this morning with good trips of fresh mackerel, as follows:

Sch. George Parker, Capt. Rufus McKay, 5000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Ralph Webber, 17,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Saladin, Capt. Flar Kown, 10,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, with a fine fare of fresh mackerel on board, went ashore in Boston harbor, during the fog last night, but will probably be floated this forenoon and proceed to T wharf.

Capt. Rufus McKay of sch. George Parker has established a record which will probably not be beaten for a long time, for in five days he has landed three fine trips of fresh mackerel at T wharf from Georges. Last Tuesday the craft arrived with a good fare and sailed again Tuesday night. On Thursday she showed up again with another trip and this morning again she is there with her third fare. The Parker is not a gasoliner or a new class sailing vessel, but she is doing some tall sailing and Capt. McKay and his crew are hustling.

The catch of salt mackerel to date is 23,659 barrels against 22,738 barrels at this time last year.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date is 46,811 barrels against 42,203 barrels at this time last year.

A few mackerel were taken in the traps at Lunenburg, N. S., Wednesday.

Mackerel are reported fair at Albion, P. E. I.

A Lunenburg dispatch of Tuesday says that mackerel and squid continue to be caught there in increasing quantities and that the traps on that day made good catches of both. One schooner took a baiting of 21 barrels of squid from one of the traps.

Fresh mackerel at Boston are selling today at 14 cents each.

MORE TINKER MACKEREL.

Sch. Lillian Has Twenty-Five Barrels at Newport.

Second Trip of These Fish Landed This Season.

A special to the TIMES from its Newport correspondent states that the sch. Lillian, Capt. John Barrett, arrived there this morning with 25 bbls of fresh tinker mackerel. Only a few days ago the Lillian was in there with a trip of fresh and salt tinkers and this is the second fare of these fish landed this season.

Bait Scarce at Newfoundland.

On July 19, 35 Nova Scotia bankers visited Cape Broyle, N. F., in quest of bait, but there was none to be got, and information brought from all likely centres, brought the same reply. One captain, who came to St. John's, heard there were caplin at Forbay and drove out there the next morning, but there was not a single fish to be had there. The bankers have from one to five hundred quintals each.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Miranda, South Channel, 330 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Electric Flash, Georges, 110 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Norma, Georges, 170 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Vera, Georges, 195 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Manomet, Georges, 113 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Madonna, Banks, 200,000 lbs. salt mackerel.

Sch. Judique, Banks, 240,000 lbs. salt mackerel.

Sch. James R. Clark, Rips, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Matthew Keany, Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Corsair, Georges, seining.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, headline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium cod, \$1.62 1-2; all cod caught to the eastward of LaHave bank, \$1.87 1-2; medium \$1.50 cusk, \$1.62 1-2; Eastern haddock, \$1.05; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, \$1.00; pollock, 75c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

Fresh mackerel, 13 1-2 cts. each.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$10.62 1-2 per bbl.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.05.

Fresh Georges cusk, \$1.67 1-2.

Bank hrlbut, 5 cts. per lb. right through.

Georges halibut, 8 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 6 1-2 cts. per lb. for gray.

Georges salt mackerel, plain \$14 25 per bbl.; rimmed, \$14.50 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 2500 haddock, 21,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. John M. Keen, 2000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Rapidan, 500 haddock, 9500 cod.

Sch. Mary D. Silveria, 85,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Amelia Enos, 16,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 15,000 haddock, 8,000 cod.

Sch. Dorothy, 2,500 haddock, 26,000 cod.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 2,500 haddock, 21,000 cod.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 30,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Etta Mildred, 30,000 hake, 500 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 30,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.

Sch. Genesta, 40,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 40,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Stone, 200 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Georgiana, 60,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 500 cod, 2000 pollock, 2 swordfish.

Sch. Alcina, 1500 haddock, 9000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Florida, 99 swordfish.

Sch. Frank Munroe, 50 swordfish.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 90 swordfish.

Sch. Azorian, 47 swordfish.

Sch. Viking, 60 swordfish.

Sch. Mary Edith, 49 swordfish.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 300 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Ingomar, 25,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Constellation, 22,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Tecumseh, 85 swordfish.

Sch. Minerva, 70 swordfish.

Sch. Lottie Hopkins, 47 swordfish.

Haddock, \$1.55; large cod, \$2.25; market cod, \$1.74; pollock, 75 cts.; swordfish, 4 1-2 cts.; mackerel, 14 cts.

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HAS MIXED MACKEREL.

Little Sch. Lillian at New-
port Again Today.

CAPT. MORGAN STILL DRIVING.

One of Three at Boston Today
with Big Fresh Fare.

Capt. Thaddeus Morgan of sch. Constellation must have a licence to catch everything in sight. There appears to be no abatement to his winning gait, for yesterday he arrived at Boston again with a fare of 25,000 fresh mackerel in count, his fifth trip landed from Georges since July 7, a record never approached. The fish are selling today at 14 cents each, which will give him a stock of \$3,500, making his stock for the season thus far about \$34,000. On this last trip the vessel was gone from here but five days. The fish were taken on the southwest part of Georges and 60 sail of the seining fleet were there. Also in Boston this morning is sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons, with a dandy trip of 25,000 fresh mackerel in count. Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Capt. Cahoon, is also there with 17,000 fresh mackerel in count and from reports received, sch. Bertha and Pearl, Capt. Joseph Smith, is soon expected with a good trip.

Sch. Norma, Capt. Benjamin McGray which arrived from Georges yesterday with a fare of salt mackerel, reported that sch. Constellation and also sch. Bertha and Pearl got fine hauls on the southwest part of Georges on Thursday night just at sundown and that two other vessels also got small hauls.

Sch. Miranda, Capt. Edward Morris, arrived here Saturday afternoon from the Rips with a big fare 330 barrels of salt mackerel. The vessel had 9000 fresh mackerel in count but as he did not have ice enough to keep them in good shape they had to be split after reaching port. The fare was taken 75 miles south southeast of Highland light.

Capt. Cahoon of sch. Thomas J. Carroll, which arrived at Boston today as above stated, reports getting his fine fare in South Channel and that schs. Shenandoah and Priscilla Smith were there, the former securing two schools.

A special to the TIMES from its Newport correspondent this morning says that sch. Lillian, Capt. John Barrett, of this port, arrived there this morning with 30 barrels of mixed mackerel. Capt. Barrett reports plenty of tinkers out there and no seluers there. This is the trip Capt. Barrett has landed with in a week at Newport. On his last trip, on Friday, he had 25 barrels of tinker mackerel. Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Capt. Douglass McLean, stocked \$3280 on her recent seining trip, the crew sharing \$80.

The fares of schs. Norma, Miranda and Vera sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co. at \$14.50 per barrel.

The fare of sch. Electric Flash sold to Fred. Bradley at the same figure.

Mackerel of large size were reported in the nets at Liverpool, N. S., Friday morning.

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DOG FISH TEST.

Three Trawls Showed Ten Per
Cent. of Fish Destroyed.

Damage Resulted to One-Third
of Total Receipts.

Representative Edwin C. McIntire employed two fishermen to make a practical demonstration of the damage done in the shore fisheries by the depredations of the dogfish by having the men keep a record of the results of setting six tubs of trawls in the bay on Friday last. The men commenced their work at 2 o'clock Friday morning, when they started for Magnolia to secure their bait, and completed the setting of their trawls, which were located in the vicinity of Baker's Island, extending a distance of several miles, about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. They started for their trawl early Saturday morning, commencing the picking of the trawls about 6 o'clock, the actual time employed in baiting, setting and hauling the results being about 26 hours for two men.

The total number of hooks baited and set was 2600, and of this number 60 hooks were missing when the trawls were hauled, being presumably lost by fish tearing them away after being hooked, while the results from the remaining 2440 hooks were as follows: Hooks having food fish, 131; hooks having food fish destroyed, 13; hooks having monkfish, 7; hooks having skates, 65; hooks having small dogfish, 238; hooks having large dogfish, 74; dogfish lost in hauling in, 9; food fish lost in hauling in, 3; hooks having bait untouched, 100; hooks from which the bait had been removed, 1900; hooks lost, 60.

The weight of the food fish taken was 780 pounds, which at 70 cents per hundred weight amounted to \$6.24, or an average of four and 100-131 cents each, and estimating the food fish destroyed at the same average price, the value of the latter was 62 cents or ten per cent of the value of food fish secured.

The damage caused by the dogfish in addition to the loss of the food fish included 60 hooks lost, 14 cents, 60 gangings lost, 14 cents, 85 hooks broken in removing dogfish, etc., 18 cents, 85 gangings parted, 18 cents, and 2350 baits consumed or destroyed by dogfish, \$1.57, a total of \$2.20, while the 74 large dogfish yielded two and a half buckets of oil, which sold at 25 cents per bucket, bringing 63 cents.

The large dogfish weighed from one and a half to two and a half pounds each, and were 35 to 40 inches in length, and the small dogfish from one and a half to two and a half pounds each, measuring 15 to 19 inches. The large dogfish were female fish, depositing young, and their stomachs contained an occasional piece of bait or food fish.

Drove Sword Through Dory.

The crew of sch. Wesley W. Sinnott, which arrived at Boston yesterday, tell of an exciting battle during the trip with a monster swordfish, which rammed one of the dories, driving its sword through the hull of the craft.

One of the men named Wildes was out in his dory while the schooner was off Block Island. He had thrown his "iron" securely into the fish, when the maddened animal turned and put up a savage fight. In a furious onslaught the swordfish drove its sword through the boat close to where the fisherman was standing. The sword passed clean through the two-inch plank. Wildes had to use a heavy board to push the snout of the fish out of the boat.

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BIGGEST ON RECORD.

Large Catches of Herring Continue
Around Yarmouth.

Large catches of herring continue to be made about Yarmouth, N. S. Nothing like it has been known in the history of the fisheries in that locality.

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Sch. Mary E. Silveria, via Boston, 95,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Georges, 110,000 lbs. fresh fish, 4000 lbs. salt fish, 6000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Etta Mildred, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges, 16,000 lbs. cod, 500 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Constellation, via Boston.
Sch. J. W. Bradley, South Channel, 2500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Appomatox, Rips, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Jubilee, Rips, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. A. T. Gifford, Georges.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. F. W. Homans, seining.
Sch. Ralph Russell, seining.
Sch. Volant, Rips.

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Boston.

Sch. Smuggler, 12,000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Norumbega, 10,000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Agnes E. Downes, 13,000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Charles W. Parker, 82 swordfish.
Sch. Frances M. Silva, 30,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
Sch. William A. Morse, 20,000 haddock, 23,000 cod.
Sch. Mystery, 2000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Briganzi, 2000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Fanny W. Freeman, 28,000 haddock, 10,500 cod.
Sch. Wm. H. Rider, 2500 haddock, 14,000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Haddock, \$1.50; large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.75; pollock, 80 cts. to \$1; hake, \$1 to \$1.50; cusk, \$1.75; swordfish, 4 1-2 cts.; mackerel, 15 1-4 cts.